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SUBJECT: CIVIL SOCIETY'S EXPECTATIONS FOR ELECTIONS LOW,

LOOKING AT OTHER ROUTES TO REFORM REF: A. CAIRO 1977 B. CAIRO 684 Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey for reason 1.4 (d).

1.KEY POINTS -- (C) On October 13, civil society activists told the Ambassador that they continue to have low expectations for the 2010 parliam

2.(C) Comment: As in our earlier meeting with political activists (ref A), resignation about the outcome of the elections and significant cynic

3.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX noted that XXXXXXXXXXXX are apathetic about the coming elections because they view the outcome as pre-determined. He doubted

4.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX said that in XXXXXXXXXXXX experience Egyptians, and in particular women, are well informed and interested in politics, but t

5.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXXXXXX noted their support for using national identification cards, rather than voting cards, to simplify the proc

6.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX Several political activists and members of the opposition, including parliamentarians from the Muslim Brotherhood, have join

7.(C) Several members of the group suggested that reform outside the electoral process was just as significant. XXXXXXXXXXXX emphasized the nee